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NELSON DAVID Form 4 States of the public Utility Holding Company Act of 1934, Software to 19											
(Print or Type Responses)											
1. Name and Ad NELSON DA	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol WEST BANCORPORATION INC [WTBA]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
(Last)	(First) (M	First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Trans				nsactionX_ Directo X_ Officer			give title Other (specify		
				(Month/Day/Year) 09/09/2011					below) below) CEO & PRESIDENT		
				lf Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 			
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											
		nth/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any			3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
Common	09/09/2011			Code V P	Amount 203	(D) A	Price \$ 8.31	10,774	D		
Stock Common Stock	09/09/2011			Р	797	A	8.31 \$ 8.37	11,571	D		
Common Stock	09/09/2011			Р	1,000	А	\$ 8.3	12,571	D		
Common Stock	09/09/2011			Р	271	А	\$ 8.04	12,842	D		
Common Stock	09/09/2011			Р	100	А	\$ 8.07	12,942	D		

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Common Stock	09/09/2011	Р	629	А	\$ 8.11	13,571	D	
Common Stock						4,000	I	By Katherine A. Nelson Rev Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	int of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secu
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ities	(Instr. 5)	Bene
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		Owne
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
NELSON DAVID D 1601 22ND STREET WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	Х		CEO & PRESIDENT					
Signatures								
Douglas R. Gulling, By Power of Attorney		09/12/2011						
**Signature of Reporting Person		Date						

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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